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FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

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SUBJECT: CODEL STONE

1. SENATOR STONE'S STAFF ASKED US TO SEND THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE CANCELING HIS VISIT TO CAIRO.

2. SENATOR STONE APPRECIATES DEEPLY US AMBASSADOR EILTS'
EFFORTS ON HIS AND HIS PARTY'S BEHALF IN ARRANGING AN
OFFICIAL VISIT TO EGYPT AND MAKING AN EFFORT TO FACILITATE
OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST AREA.
IN PARTICULAR, SENATOR STONE WISHES TO CONVEY HIS GRATITUDE
TO AMBASSADOR EILTS FOR PRESENTING HIS REQUEST TO FOREIGN
MINISTER FAHMY OF EGYPT REGARDING HIS REQUEST TO TRAVEL
FROM EGYPT THROUGH THE SINAI TO THE MONITORING STATION IN
THAT AREA. ADDITIONALLY, SENATOR STONE APPRECIATES THE
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FACT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY RECEIVED THE US AMBASSADOR
FOR A FIFTEEN MINUTE DISCUSSION OF THE SENATOR'S REQUEST.

3. SENATOR STONE HAD HOPED TO BE ABLE TO REPORT TO THE US
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN DEPTH ON THE SINAI
MONITORING STATION. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS AND THE FACT
THAT THE US SENATE WILL RESUME SESSION ON 8 JUNE 1977,

SENATOR STONE HAD MADE REQUEST SO THAT HE AND HIS PARTY WOULD NOT HAVE TO MAKE COMPLEX TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO KEEP

APPOINTMENTS IN ISRAEL AND STILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE SINAI MONITORING STATION.

4. SENATOR STONE IS THE HEAD OF AN OFFICIAL PARTY AND HIS OBJECTIVE IN UTILIZING EGYPTIAN CONDUIT WAS NOT QUOTE TRANSIT OF TOURISTS UNQUOTE.

5. IN RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED PLAN TO TRAVEL TO EGYPT TO LOOK INTO US PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT AND THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HIGH LEVEL EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS INCLUDING PERHAPS THE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT, SENATOR STONE CONVEYS WITH THE DEEPEST REGRET HIS INABILITY TO CONSIDER FURTHER A TRIP TO EGYPT AT THIS TIME. SENATOR STONE CONVEYS HIS REGRETS TO THOSE EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS WHO HAD ALREADY TAKEN THE TROUBLE ON HIS BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF HIS PARTY. IN ADDITION THE SENATOR NOTES THE MANY EFFORTS ON HIS BEHALF BY AMBASSADOR EILTS AND CONVEYS HIS PERSONAL AND DEEP FELT REGRETS TO HIM, AND TO HIS STAFF.

6. SENATOR STONE ASKS THAT HIS AND MRS. STONE'S CONGRATULATIONS ON THE FORTHCOMING WEDDING OF THE DAUGHTER OF AMBASSADOR GHORBAL BE EXTENDED TO THE AMBASSADOR. HE WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND AND SENDS HIS BEST WISHES TO THE COUPLE.

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7. SENATOR STONE WISHES AMBASSADOR EILTS TO KNOW HE HAS NO OBJECTION THAT ANY PART OR ALL OF THIS CABLE TO HIM BE SHARED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY OR ANY HIGH LEVEL EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL ACTING ON HIS BEHALF. HOWEVER, FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE SENATOR STONE ASKS THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS CABLE REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL SINCE IT WOULD SERVE NO PURPOSE TO MAKE PUBLIC THE REASONS WHY HIS SCHEDULE HAS HAD TO BE CHANGED AT THIS LATE TIME.

8. FOR CAIRO: NEA HAS DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH ATHERTON. YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT DELIVER STONE'S MESSAGE (PARAS 2-7 ABOVE) UNTIL YOU HEAR FROM SECRETARY'S PARTY.

9. FYI: STONE PARTY ETD WASHINGTON MAY 28 FOR BRUSSELS. PARTY HAD PLANNED ARRIVE CAIRO JUNE 2 AND DEPART FOR ISRAEL JUNE 4. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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